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FORMATION OF PIVOT COUPLINGS BETWEEN COMPONENTS

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INDEP. CLAIMS		MINUS		= 0	X \$84	\$ 0
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Dear Examiner:

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 14, 2003**

This is in response to the Office Action mailed in January 14, 2003. Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 4, lines 2-5, please delete the existing paragraph and insert:

-- The following passage is intended only to provide a brief summary of limited aspects of the present invention and should not be construed as encompassing all necessary elements or steps of the invention. --

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